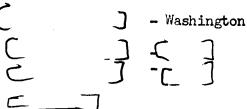
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We are somewhat concerned about formation committee.

- (1) Can announcement be made before all members accept? If so, how many are necessary?
- (2) What is your time schedule for completion committee and what are plans announcement?

Only bar to announcement now is arrangements with French unless you desire American Pixies definitely in beforehand. If announcement were made now it would not include two Blocu Independente nominees, American Pixies, individual in Greece and Nuci Kotta of Executive Committee. You would thus have only Belli Kombeters, Zogista and Karani fellows.

We estimated two weeks necessary complete arrangements for announcement during which time remaining nominess still uninvited would be approached. Low was scheduled to leave London for Rome by air today to try held committee together until we ready for announcement. If French approach successful plan was to bring members Executive Committee to Paris, issue proclamation, draft text of which you now have, at press conference. Low and suitable British would lay on arrangements Paris for press conference in order exembe appropriate interest.

Your concern more than justified. If Zog desires sabotage committee he is in position to do it, which would leave us with committee composed of Ballists and few independents, with Zogists and Blocu Independents groups in opposition. As of our departure

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1600 from London yesterday British had no word on Zog's answer which was to come to us incidentally through Cod. Fishe. Executive Committee boys have weattered during past week and nobedy able locate. According latest report, however, Abas Kupi returned Rome yesterday. Am unclear on purpose to be served by visit you suggest. Cove of problem is Zog's insistence on controlling Committee in alliance with Blocu Independents. In furthering this aim he has completely welched on agreement with Berry. Therefore believe we should await next move from Zog (unless we can measuable ammentee Committee) otherwise he will interpret this group's approach as an appeal and therefore sectioning of attitude our part. Zog may still be unconvinced seriodeness our intentions and believe we only fishing in troubled waters. Fritish incidentally replied my query they not really in position to court much pressure on Zogs

Agree to wait next move Zog, but Low should be ready with next move in event Zog reply unfavorable. Two week delay in amountement will allow for Frasheri trip to  $U_aS_a$  next week. This may help in convincing Zog we mean to go ahead.

Do you concur in asking Low arrange Frasheri trip U.S. prior to amnowneesent?

Have not yet received draft proclamation and therefore unable comment on it yet.

The strongly opposed Frankeri trip U.S. prior announcement. I personally believe that on balance cover and security considerations make it undesirable but on other hand it might have very helpful effect re Zeg. Insamuch as will have important bearing on afforts keep Committee together at this critical stage suggest you query him.

Draft text of proclamation cabled you yesterday from \_\_\_\_\_\_\_.
Also pouched to you at same time draft proclamation, French text protocal, receipts algord by four mambers Executive Committee. And joint nlam drawn up by (\_\_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_\_ for use of \_\_\_\_\_\_.

Re \_\_\_\_\_\_ recommendations on Athens cover organization they were result conference with Low and had his agreement.

O.K. to specify Executive Committee separately in announcement.

Do you propose

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is in territory under FCNOFF administration. Latest word is that one side FCNOFF had agreed and question still to be put to another. Looks favorable final reply expected midwick. Present assumption is that will not be joint field HQ. Agreement on eventual location will depend on number and location compensate parts all of FIEND. British have stated they wish put lisions at Athers HQ but this does not imply anything re joint HQ.

REUR PARA 4, Gamette cover. What do you mean by "legitimate or phenomenal"?

Legitimate means Athens cover organization established by 'directive probably . Phenomenal means it merely appears, without specific directive establishing it.

In making joint approach to French service, cancider Embassy specialist on emigres, Harrison, should be out in, or should instead act as our representative. We fear too much attention might be attracted by special approach by Washington representatives. What are your views? Use Radigan letter, Your proposed line with Ribiere OK. We can arrange additional visitors views for U.S.

Reason for service approach to French is that arrangements with them are operational matter. Am certain British would not agree making your suggested alteration their approach. It will be clear to Ribiare we not making special trip for this sale purpose and we feel attention given to approach by Mashington representatives in what is necessary in this case. Recommend we inform Harrison reason our approach but that he not participate and that arrangements be made for OSO here to receive and transmit reply if it delayed.

Procedure you propose G.K. We will arrange OSO channels tomorrow. Will try to arrange to use Ecorehouse as your OSO contact.

O.K. to advise Brace Committee aspects but State wants him able honestly demy other aspects.

(For [ ] What is Bruce's reaction [ ]? We plan send him Paris three weeks TDY about August 5 SECRE!

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Will inform Bruce of forthoming establishment Pixie Committee and our general interest in it in line with other such committees.

May I then say we are approaching French service to assist in staging amount of the service of a series in staging amount of the service of the staging amount of the service of the service of the staging amount of the service of the ser

O.K.

RE L J Dumm in his talks with Sform will state his understanding that British have similar attitude re Pixis Committee. Presume British will forewarn their Ambassador Rome; L Jhas no instructions mention Pixis Committee not is it intended that he will make statement prior approximent Committee.

Informed \_\_\_ re Reme and he agreed. Will mention forewarning when next see him. Re (\_\_\_ British were confused since \_\_\_ told them of fact which he had from (\_\_\_ of(\_\_\_\_ taking advantage his departure for States to testify Greek aid bill to strongly suggest to Tauldaris issuance of statement re North Epirus which we and British had earlier agreed wanted from Greeks. British regard Greek approach as not difficult problem.

Ref British query on Jug approach. Desire to postpone decision until your returns

There was no urgemmy in British mention Jag approach.

Trip to Zurish by both O.K. But hope you can arrange for one to do both jobs. Head you both back here urgently. When can we expect you?

Will arrange [ ] funds through \_ ] tomorrow by cable.

Assuming we see Ribiere tomorrow we could proceed Zurich and return Theoday. Your permission for me to ask Brace for use his sirecreft that purpose would be helpful in speeding this. We could then

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return London Tuesday or Wednesday where Breck has asked me for final conference before departing. He going on holiday Thursday so must see him before them could then be into Washingt Thursday or Friday. You apparently not received cover a described progress report cable yesterday from which set forth reasons why he probably unable depart London till Friday.
Prefer you not ask Bruce's plane unless he offers on own initiative. Leave final return schedule to you.
We are meding Admiral Strubel, Denfeld's deputy for operation tomorrow, and will advise them re Compaly briefing.
Desire authority for cable channels. In using OSO cable channels here is it necessary to camsuflage FIEND?
Will you cable [] at [] and [] contents DA 3, last sentence DA 4, and DA 8 or shall I do so from here? Do you concar my pouching copy this conference to Low from here?

Cable channels will be arranged. We will cable [ ]. O.K. to send copy to him under appropriate security conditions.

Camouflage as much as you can equalstant with clarity. No special system possible on short notice.

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